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As to your last letter, in which you said you were "truly sorry to have been such failures as parents"; It's a satisfaction to me to have you admit your faults for once, instead of trying to make excuses for them. The resentment I have toward you will always remain, but your last letter does soften my attitude a little. Enough, anyway, so that I will take back what I said about hoping you drop dead on Christmas — cause it's true that you were always good to me on Christmas, and on the whole I have pleasant memories of Christmases. I trust you got the Christmas card I sent you.

As for me, things are going pretty well. My root cellar ~~is~~ is not actually ~~finished~~ finished, but it is finished enough so that I have my vegetables stored in it for the ~~coming~~ winter, and thus far they seem to be keeping just fine. Potatoes, parsnips and sugar beets. ~~The~~ I don't have enough potatoes and sugar beets to last the whole winter, but — assuming they keep

alright — I expect to be eating 4 parsnips a day almost until the wild greens become available in the spring. Also, the porcupine population seems to have recovered itself, which helps with the meat supply. So, what with dried herbs and berries and the usual rice, flour, powdered milk, etc., I am eating very well this winter. Also of course I enjoy the nuts, dried fruit, and cheese that you sent for Thanksgiving.

— Ted

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